

A group of approximately ten people, including adults and children, are posed in a room. In the background, a large window is visible, and the wall is decorated with numerous colorful handprints. The group is arranged in two rows, with some people standing and others sitting or kneeling in the front. The overall atmosphere is warm and community-oriented.

Village of Solomon Environmental Dept.

Outreach & Education

Deilah Johnson

- The Village of Solomon is a displaced community that was forced out of their village site due to the shutdown of the BIA schoolhouse in 1956. The last inhabitant relocated in 2004.
- There are 151 tribally enrolled members that makeup the tribal community.
- Feeling united and gathering together as a tribe is something we really focus on as we all reside outside of Solomon.
- We are widespread throughout Alaska and the lower 48.
- We are governed by a 7 member Traditional Council
- We heavily rely on grant funding as a small and needy tribe
- We host an annual Francis Wright youth and elder camp for 5 days in Solomon at our old BIA schoolhouse each August, funded solely on grants to fly in our members outside of Nome.



Indian General Assistance Program FY13-FY21

The Village of Solomon has been managing an Environmental Dept. building capacity within their IGAP grants from 2013.

As a community that is so spread out, providing outreach to serve the community as a whole, equally and consistently – educating and reaching all membership has been a HUGE priority for the Environmental department.

I took this position in August 2014. Since then, I had to research, get creative, use my imagination and focus on how to get all membership engaged somehow.... The following slides will highlight ways I served the community.

Commitment #2.5

Description	Develop and distribute recycling and solid waste informational material to educate tribal members and traditional council. Information will contain solid waste management and recycling activities.
Estimated Cost	\$0
End Date	09/30/2013
Positions	Other:Environmental Coordinator
Outputs and Deliverables	Provide information to project officer such as newsletter, presentation materials and photos of activities.

Education within IGAP workplan
8 years!

Education & Outreach

Began as a commitment

Turned into it's own COMPONENT

	as a whole.
Component #4: Pollution Prevention (Recycling)	
Description	Community outreach and Education
Long-Term Outcome	To keep Community knowledgeable and continue to encourage Recycling, energy conservation, decrease fossil fuel consumption, even with rural limitations
Measures	B6.2, B6.3, B6.7, E3.5, G3.7
Intermediate Outcomes	Continue to educate tribal members on Recycling Distribute information on proper solid waste disposal Create community classes Partner with other local entities
Estimated Component Cost	\$31582
Estimated Work Year (FTE)	0.28
EPA Program Coding	N/A



Educational Youth Summits with local partners

08/12/2016



Recycling pickups
locally
Submit your
recycling photos
at home(non-local)



Providing Recycling
bins,
Brochures w/info,
bags and
A can crusher to all

CENTERS & INFORMATION

Central Transfer Station Recycling Area

Location: Entrance for cars and pickups is located between Old Seward Hwy and Juneau Street on E. 54th Avenue. During regular operating hours; Monday - Saturday 8:00am - 5pm. Closed on Sunday. Accepts: Aluminum cans, steel cans, mixed paper, corrugated cardboard, newspaper, #1 PET plastic bottles, #2 HDPE plastic jugs, glass bottles and jars

Anchorage Recycling Center Location:

6161 Rosewood Street, Anchorage 24 hours a day, 7 days a week; regular weekday business hours for redemption of aluminum cans. Accepts: Aluminum cans, steel cans, mixed paper, corrugated cardboard, newspaper, #1 PET plastic bottles, #2 HDPE plastic jugs, plastic bags and film, glass bottles and jars

Anchorage Regional Landfill Recycling

Area Location: Hiland Road, Eagle River. During regular landfill hours; Mon.-Fri. 7:30am - 5pm, Sat. 8am - 5pm. Sun closed. Accepts: Aluminum cans, steel cans, mixed paper, corrugated cardboard, newspaper, #1 PET plastic bottles, #2 HDPE plastic jugs, glass bottles and jars

Please refer to this website for more info on Recycling in the Anchorage area:

Funded by the Environmental Protection Agency, IGAP program

The Environmental Team is here to serve you, as tribal members, to educate and give you all the tools needed for you to become a successful Environmental advocate. A recent survey was handed out during an IGAP educational gathering Spring 2016, when asked, 'What has the environmental program done to affect your life?' Anonymous survey answer:

"Informed me of reducing my garbage by recycling. Informed me of chemicals in cleaning products. Given me a bear proof trash can changed my life"

Did you know that recycling aluminum cans save up to 95% of energy which is required to make aluminum from bauxite ore? Bauxite is the first step in producing aluminum.



Tribal member, Tristan Hudson says to practice the 3R's

You can win, just recycle!

You may call the office to be put on the sign-up sheet or stop by and say Hello to your VOS staff and sign the sign-up sheet yourself. Each time you recycle one full bag of cans/paper/bottles, you will receive a star for your household.

For the non-Nome based membership, we request a photo of your full bag of recyclables with a date/time stamp and explanation of the contents in an email to igap.solomon@gmail.com and you will receive credit on the Household Recycling Chart.

The household with the most stars on our



Environmental Education at youth camp!



MUG SHOT WEEK

The Village of Solomon is hosting a 'Mug Shot Week'

Get caught reusing your mug when you drink your morning coffee/tea, either in the office or when buying coffee/tea locally.

Sign a waiver to be entered in the drawing to become a

Reducing/Reusing Advocate from the Bering Strait

Region and your picture will be featured on the GCI TV Channel 1

Open with ▼

Village of Solomon Holds Earth Day Challenge

By Maisie Thomas, Nome Nugget Newspaper

The Village of Solomon Environmental Department is spearheading an effort to raise environmental awareness among people in Nome and beyond. Realizing that Earth Day was fast approaching and that there were no events in Nome recognizing it, the department, led by Environmental Coordinator Deilah Johnson, decided to take action. Employees researched events around the country, reached out to local business owners and eventually settled on their Earth Day challenge. Their main goal was to get the day on people's radar.

When Johnson approached local establishments to request donations, she began by asking whether they knew when Earth Day was. The majority did not know the date, but they made note of it on their calendars. In addition to gathering pledges, Village of Solomon Environmental department employees hung flyers all over town.

The efforts of Solomon employees met with success. Over 300 residents pledged to walk, ride a bike or carpool and/or shun the use of disposable plastics for just one day, April 22. Those who pledged to go vehicle-free or disposable plastic-free are eligible to enter a drawing for a small prize. Those who who pledged to go both vehicle and plastic free have the opportunity to win a larger prize. The drawings will be held on Earth Day. All participants received a keychain made with recycled aluminum can tabs, which Johnson said will help remind them of their pledge and the importance of protecting the environment. Sponsors for

around the world to help mitigate greenhouse gas emissions. Though Nomeites will probably not have much success planting a forest or buying local produce, there are other ways residents of Northwest Alaska can reduce their carbon footprints.

Johnson suggested a few simple steps people everywhere can take each day to reduce carbon emissions. In addition to walking whenever possible and using cloth shopping bags, she said people should turn down their thermostats and unplug surge protectors when they leave the house. "We all live on Earth, so wherever you are this is a good reminder," Johnson added.

Recycling e-waste is another activity Earth Day Network suggests to help the environment. Electronic devices such as cell phones, televisions and iPads can contain toxins. When the gadgets are not properly disposed of, the chemicals can enter the water stream and seep into the soil.

Anahma Shannon, Environmental Coordinator with Kawerak, started an e-waste recycling program in Nome a few years ago. The event coincides with the City of Nome's annual spring cleanup, and will be held on June 4 this year.

Nearly 200 countries around the globe celebrate Earth Day on April 22. The first Earth Day was held in 1970 to







Gave out ingredients as prizes and demonstrated how to make them!



DIY CHAPSTICK
AND DISH SOAP

KEEP CALM



GET YOUR IGAP EDUCATION ON

5:30 PM Thursday, January 19th, 2017

Village of Solomon Office

Dinner is provided, Please RSVP with Tribal
Coordinator by Tuesday 1/16/17



VOS IGAP UPDATES

***Reminder - The 3R's Tribal Membership Video Contest is due on Jan. 16th, 2017.**

There will be 5 VOS Emmy's available for different categories. Get Creative!

Recycling Pickups are still available from IGAP in Nome, Wednesdays & Saturdays. Please call the office for signups. Also, we still have recycling bins available in Anchorage and in Nome. *

Any questions, comments or concerns—please contact Deilah Johnson @ igap.solomon@gmail.com or call the office @ 443-4985

***The B&B 200 Gallon Potable Water tank is full and available to ALL membership in Solomon. There is a lock code to access water hose, please call the office for code if you know you'll be in the area and in need of water**

***IGAP Will be hosting an IGAP Gathering focused on Reducing Energy in your home at the VOS office in Nome on January 5th, 2017. More details to come**



Celebrate Earth Day Friday Evening April
21st, 2017

HOW? By Watching the documentary, 'A Plastic
Ocean' directed by Craig Leeson

When? Friday April 21st, 2017 @ 5:30 pm

Ticket Price: To Pledge to NOT use disposable plastics
the

following day, Saturday April 22, 2017—The Official
Earth Day 2017

Where? Nome Elementary School Commons

Why? We are a Coastal Community & we all live on
Earth

If at least, Enjoy a pledge priced movie on a Friday
evening with friends



HAPPY EARTH DAY

Hosted by the Village of Solomon Environmental Dept.



Pictured: Isabella Bohn, Tristan Hudson Henry, Autumn Johnson, Paul Henry, Kirsten Timbers, Brewster Bohn, Phillip Henry, Peter Curran.

The youth presented a Community model using clay, rocks, dirt, tundra pieces, pencils and paper to represent Solomon with a small wind farm and solar panels installed. They also explained what they wanted the future of Solomon to look like and why it was important to them. They drew pictures of their ideas and what it meant to them.

Wind as a Resource – The Village of Solomon Environmental Dept. is currently working on completing a Renewable Energy Plan to list

long term goals, objectives, implementation plans, funding resources and energy demand in Solomon. It will serve as a living document, which the tribe will revise as they see fit. Please contact your Environmental Coordinator, Deilah Johnson @ igap.solomon@gmail.com if you have any questions in our future activities or educational tools if you'd like to learn more.

Feasibility studies and a comprehensive Energy Audit are in the future for Solomon.



3 R's Creative Video Contests

Time should be no shorter than 2 minutes, no longer than 6 minutes.

should be focused on one or all of the 3 R's—> Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

At least one person must be enrolled with VOS.

Be creative, original idea.

Be submitted to Deilah Johnson by 12/01/2016 by email.



All questions, comments, concerns should be sent to Deilah Johnson, igap.solomon@gmail.com, 907-443-4985



Emmy Award Categories

Outstanding Comedy

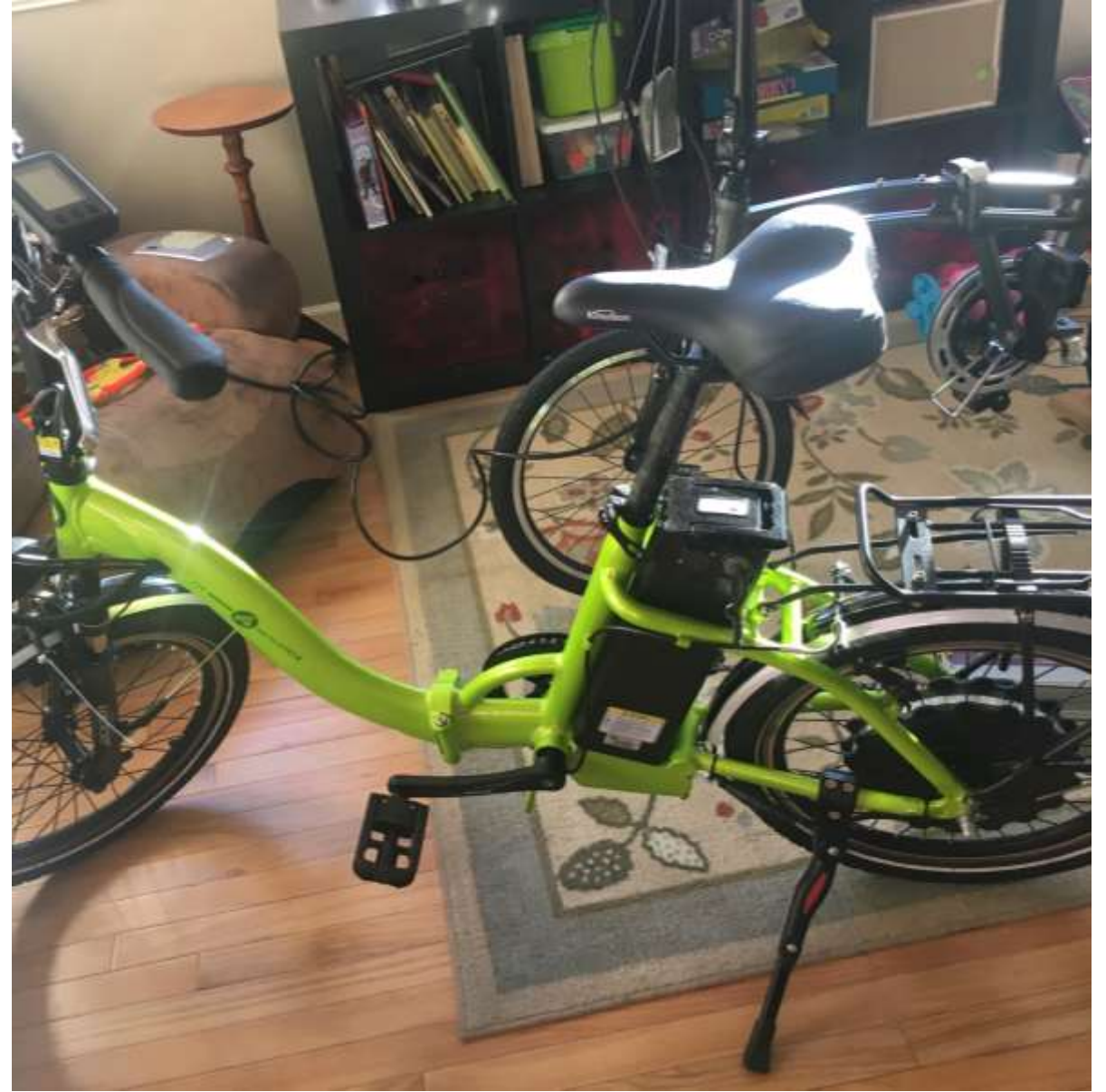
Best Musical Video/Song

Outstanding Educational

Outstanding Lead Actor/

Outstanding Production





Video details

UNDO CHANGES

SAVE



Title (required) ?

Microcycle

Description ?

Tell viewers about your video

Thumbnail

Select or upload a picture that shows what's in your video. A good thumbnail stands out and draws viewers' attention.

[Learn more](#)



Upload thumbnail



Video link

<https://youtu.be/isNKVmlWeUM>



Filename

Microcycle.MOV



Video quality




Visibility



Public



I _____,
pledge to NOT
use disposable
plastics on Earth
Day April 22,
2017.



2017 ENVIRONMENTAL
EDUCATIONAL YOUTH SUMMIT
Special 10th Anniversary Edition
Friday, August 18th, 2017 @ 12:00 PM
The Environmentalists from around the
country will meet in the
Great Hall to discuss the
future of the environment.

workplace summerise
Ocean Science
Fishing Nature glassrocks
Family **Environment** School EARTH
Creatures Camping
*mini food planets
trees Sand Revolving
tundra SUN
plants sad Hometowns



VOS Environmental Education Oppa

We will have 2 guests in Solomon on June __, 2018 \ these training topics: General Energy Efficiency Measure Process & Integrating renewable energy resources into

Kelli Whelan (M.S. Environmental Engineering, B.S. Chemistry) is an energy auditor at the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium Rural Energy Initiative. She has ten months of experience with water and sewer systems, household service connections, and community buildings in rural Alaska. Prior to working at ANTHC, Kelli's academic and vocational pursuits focused on international development, particularly in the water, hygiene, and sanitation fields, and indoor air quality.

Bailey Gamble (E.I.T., M.S. Environmental Engineering, B.S. Mechanical Engineering) is a mechanical engineer at the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium Rural Energy Initiative. She has over two years of experience conducting energy audits, strategic energy planning, and water education throughout Alaska. Bailey previously taught high school physics in Michigan and served with the Peace Corps for two years in the Dominican Republic. She has also traveled extensively in East Africa and South America, and loves mountain biking and rock climbing.

June 2018 Da

AGENDA

- Energy Discussion
- Energy Audit observation training with ANTHC
- Tribal Membership Gathering Discussion
- Celebrate & Review Approved REP
- 3rd Quarterly ELC Meeting

Please contact your Environmental Coordinator if you have any questions or concerns @ igap.solomon@gmail.com

JUNE 2ND VOS Energy
ELC, game

11:00AM Energy Audit with
- Building Shell
- Heating & Hot Water system
- Electrical Loads
- Putting it all together
- Q&A, Comments

1:30PM 3RD QTR OPEN

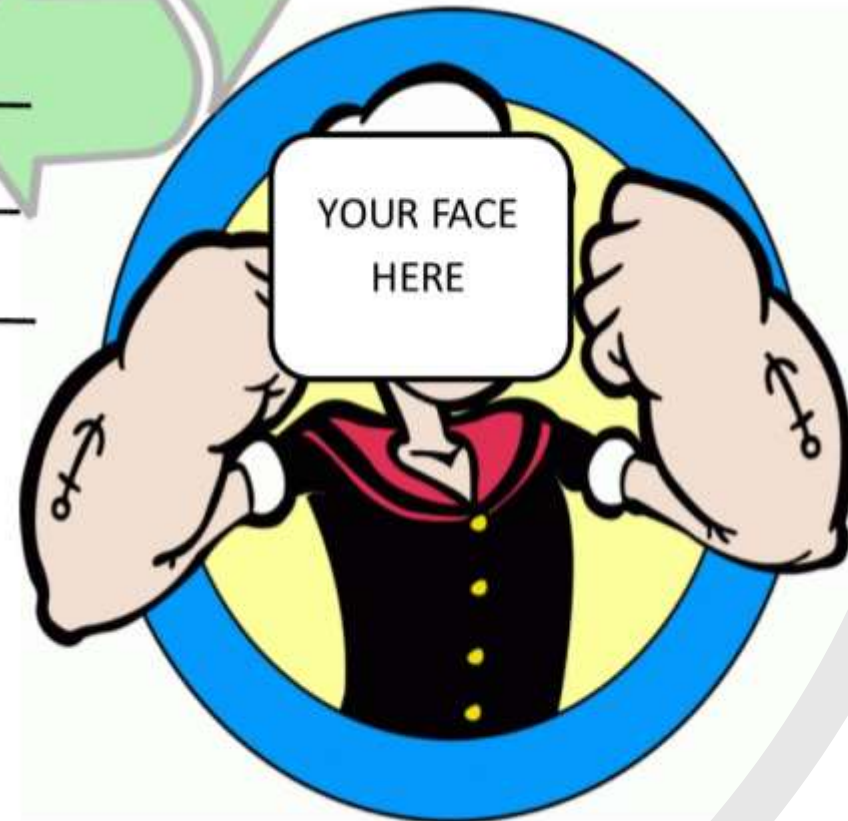
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3:30PM OPEN Walk-thru v

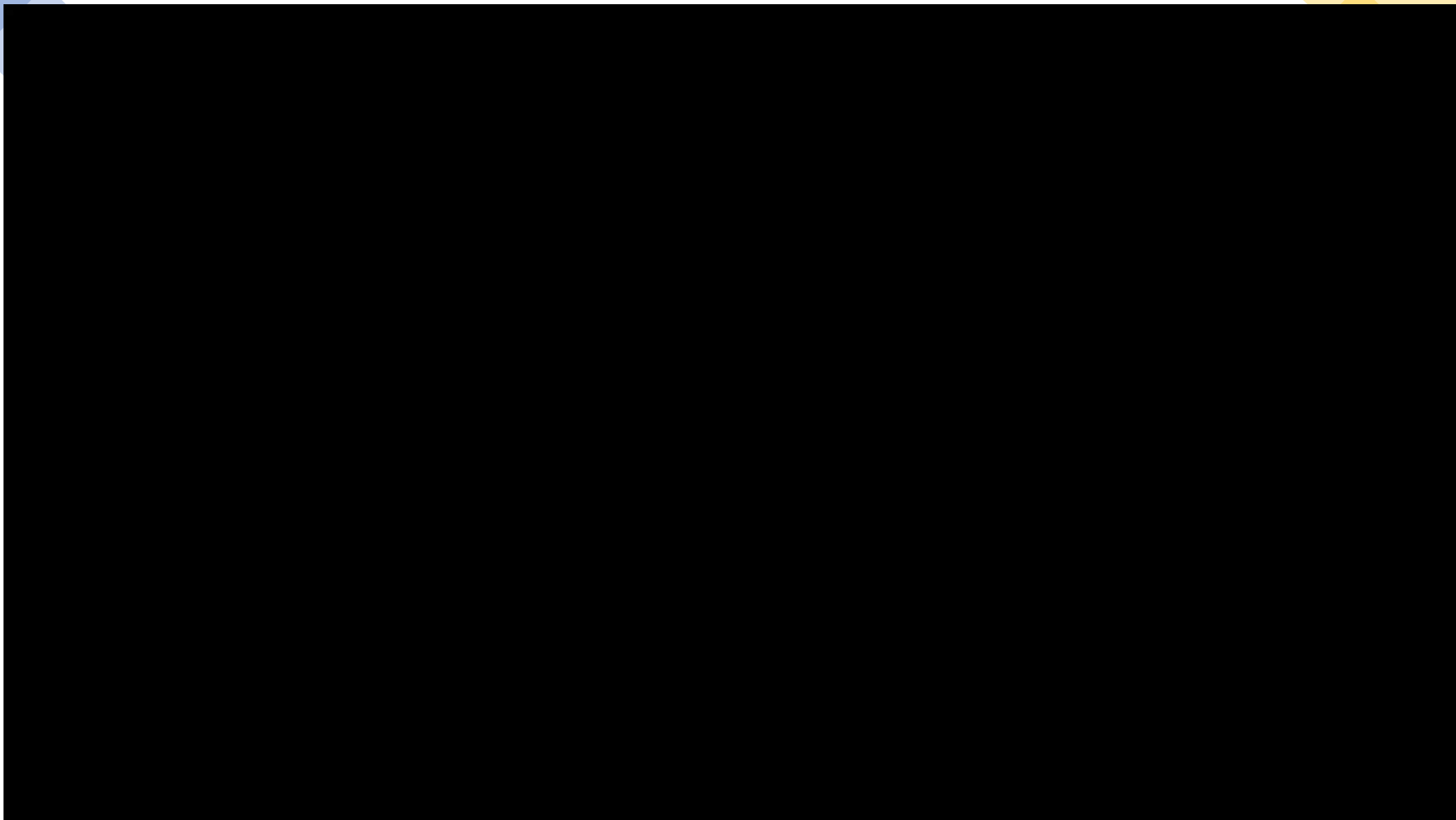


Village of Solomon's 2018 Environmental Stewardship Award

Send in all your eco-friendly activities in the form of pictures to your Environmental Coordinator via email or FB and you're instantly a candidate. Start sending in now until '20/2018 for the winner to be announced at Annual Meeting.















Village of Solomon Part II Strategic Energy Community Gathering

Homewood Suites by Hilton 101 W. 48th Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska

Saturday December 2nd, 2017
9:30 am -1:00 pm

All VOS Tribal members invited & encouraged to
attend. Renewable Energy Education, discussions,
food, a concluding Jeopardy game, Survey prizes!

Please direct any questions to Deilah Johnson
igap.solomon@gmail.com

STICK YOUR HAND IN THE GOODIE BAG!

Come to your VOS Tribal office & learn how to make a non-toxic all purpose cleaner. All supplies included, once you complete your creation– stick your hand in the goodie bag!

Beginning 2/8/18, Contact Amy for office details

Come to the office & make a video to be entered into the contest for our own Environmental Education. We'll supply you with the camera. Contest winners will receive a VOS Creative Award Trophy!

Let's keep our Environmental Education Fresh & Active, love to have you engaged. If you are not in Nome, please contact your Coordinator for details on participation.

Deilah Johnson igap.solomon@gmail.com, (907)443-4985 or ask Amy J. @ the VOS office







21 Week Giveaway!

Each week beginning 12/10/18, your
Environmental Dept. will give away one item
from this list



What we've got:

- 5 Activity Health Pedometer Fitness Bands
- 2 LED Solar Wireless Motion Sensor lights
- 1 Silicone Lid 12 pack
- 1 Silicone Lid 6 pack
- 8 handcrank flashlights
- 2 Bamboo towels
- 2 Battery chargers (AA & AAA)



ed delivery:



DEMO VARS



VOS Tribal Gathering

Hosted in Anchorage by your Staff; Amy & Deilah
January 25th, 2019 5:30 –7:45 pm

Dinner, Movie, Update on Tribal operations

P Energy Center

100 E. Benson Blvd.

Please RSVP (For catering purposes) with Amy @
43-4985 or email igap.solomon@gmail.com.

This gathering is to replace the Dec. 2nd cancellation

****Please note: If the government is still partially shutdown, this will also be cancelled.**

Adequate notice will be sent to all RSVP's

EARTH DAY MOVIE NIGHT

In celebration of Earth Day

April 22nd, 2019 @ 6 pm



Movie Night

'An Inconvenient Truth, The Sequel'

Hosted by the Village of Solomon at the new office located on Nathan
Barron Alley and G St.

Questions? Please email igap.solomon@gmail.com or call 443-4985

MEET YOUR 2019 VOS YOUTH COUNCIL!

President—Phillip Henry

Vice President—Mia Piscoya

Treasurer—Sarah James

Secretary—Jack James

Asst. Secretary—Skyler Henry

Youth Seat—Tristan Hudson



Francis Wright Youth & Elder Camp
Theme: Youth Leadership & Energy

Youth Camp ran their own campaigns, read aloud their candidate speeches and privately voted on ballots in order to get a seat on this youth council. Their first council meeting, they voted to have a cake walk @ the Annual Mtg. for their 9 pans of blueberry delight they made.

KEEP WARM THIS WINTER! Contact the office for a weatherization kit, even if you have already received one, we have supplies left and would like to encourage you to utilize these in your home to conserve energy. We have plastic window wrap to insulate your windows for the cold months, foam seal and

Ways to be a Climate Change advocate:

Attend educational gatherings. Spread awareness. Document weather patterns. Support your environmental leaders. It starts with YOU.

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Reduce. Reuse. Recycle. Refuse. Upcycle. Let your legislators and city leaders know you want climate change to be addressed. Talk to your peers, co-workers, schools about it. Weatherize your home. Use steel or paper straws. Clean up your local public parks and beaches. Carpool. Ride a bike/walk. Use both sides of your paper. Grow your own veggies and fruits. Lobby for climate change, stand with your environmental advocates to show your support. Be the role model in your community, tribe, work place, home and grocery stores! You Can Do it!



RECYCLING IN NOME!

With the new IGAP workplan, we're able to offer Recycling pickups in Nome again.

Amy Johnson will be available to pickup cans and glass to deliver to the Landfill. Pickups will be once a week, you are also welcome to drop off your cans or glass to the IGAP office in Nome.

If you'd like to schedule a pickup, please contact Amy Johnson at the office. 443-4985 or vosassistant@gmail.com. She is available to do home pickups each Wednesday.

First part: Submit a drawing with a slogan.

Requirements include; Environmentally targeted, appropriate, non-political, respectful, must be an enrolled VOS Tribal Member. **Bonus Points** - in regard to Alaska, Bering Strait Region, creative, original. Winner will be voted by your community, most votes will be printed on new apparel for 2nd part contest. **Deadline 9/19/19**

Two-Part Contest!

Second Part: Submit an article, speech, presentation, video to raise Environmental advocacy.

Topics include: 3R's, There is no Planet B, Climate Change, Fossil Fuels, Greenhouse gases, Renewable/Alternative Energy, Energy conservation, environmental ideas/project proposals. I want to hear your opinions, thoughts, ideas and/or suggestions! Let's see these rolling in! **Deadline: 9/30/19**





2019 Environmental Educational Youth Summit



August 2nd, 2019

Doors Open @ 11:30 am

Mini Convention Center

Food, environmental activities,
beach clean up & more! Ages 8+,
we kindly request to chaperone
youth under the age of 8

We look forward to seeing you all there!

Questions?

Igap.solomon@gmail.com or 443-4985



How does Solar work?

Let's learn about solar together!

WHO: ALL MEMBERSHIP

WHEN: Let's plan for Friday October 16, 2020

WHAT: HANDS-ON SOLAR EDUCATION

WHERE: ZOOM

RSVP BY OCT. 2ND, so I can get the kit to you via mail

If you'd like to participate, email
igap.solomon@gmail.com



Gigggleway
How fun kids' science kits can be

STEM
AGE 8+
3 DIY
Solar street light
Solar fan
Solar rotary windmill

**SOLAR POWER
SCIENCE KITS**
Learn the magic of energy conversion

WARNING
CHOKING HAZARD—SMALL PARTS.
NOT FOR CHILDREN UNDER 3 YEARS

DIY

MOVIE STARS!



Each and everyone of you  is a
STAR!



I would love to showcase you and your opinion
& knowledge in 1 of 2 or both VOS video
compilations.

You can talk about climate change or energy
(efficiency, alternative and/or renewable)

Send your video to info@vostars.com or info@vostars.org

HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST

Let's get into the Halloween spirit, as a tribe—AND VIRTUALLY!

We'll have prizes for the following:

1. Best eco-friendly costume
2. Scariest costume
3. Funniest costume
4. Best costume under the age of 10
5. Best pet costume
6. Best adult costume 18+
7. Best Renewable Energy costume

Submit your costume photos to igap.solomon@gmail.com or on this thread on FB. YOU will have the chance to vote :) for the costume contest

We'll meet on zoom to announce the winners & see the costumes!

Friday October 30– Halloween eve—@6 pm Ak time

Happy Halloween Spirit Village of Solomon



50 YEARS OF EARTH DAY

In an effort to raise awareness for Earth Day this year, I am attempting to create a video compilation from people like YOU!

Simply, record yourself stating these 3 things:

First name, Where you live, Why is Earth important to you.

Then pick out a few questions, or answer all of them in this video and send it my way! I'll edit and include your submission in the compilation then post online to raise ULTIMATE awareness

Tips on how to be more eco-friendly

Will your kids be affected by the changing climate?

How can we all be better advocates

Any and all suggestions on Environmentally pressing topics

What is pollution? How has pollution affected Earth?

Can I make a difference? Or you?

2020 EARTH DAY

VOS STYLE

April 22 @ 6 pm

on your couch!

Bring the snacks

Join us for an online movie night,
"Ice on Fire"

Livestream on your device by going
to uberconference.com/igapsolomon

DOOR PRIZES offered

*****Door prizes will only be drawn to those participants that answer the questionnaire at the end of the movie and watch the entire movie, share a thought/comment/concern during discussion closing our Earth Day Movie Night*****

'The Lorax'

VOS Movie Night

Who: All VOS Membership

When: Saturday November 7th, 2020 @ 6 pm
AK time

Where: Zoom Email for invitation
igap.solomon@gmail.com

What: RSVP for a Tribal movie night—RSVP by
Friday 10/16/2020 in order to get a free Lorax
book and stuffed animal





"ICE ON FIRE"

Produced by Oscar-winner Leonardo DiCaprio, George DiCaprio and
Mathew Schmid and directed by Leila Conners

Interested in watching this movie? Please let me know
and I will arrange a way for you to watch the movie.

Due to copyright reasons—I am unable to share my
screen while watching the movie— you can watch it at
home on your time

If you watch the movie & fill out a worksheet, you will
be sent an environmental kit to include camp style
items

The movie is available via amazon, youtube & HBO.

I HIGHLY recommend this 2019 documentary. If you
have any questions, please send me an email

lgap.solomon@gmail.com

VOS CHECK-IN!

Thursday Evening June 11, 2020 @ 5:30 AK, 6:30 PT, 7:30 MT, 8:30 CT, 9:30 ET

Let's get on a videoconference and check in with our Tribe

We all understand this pandemic has been challenging in several different aspects of our daily lives. We would like to see how everyone is doing, hear your suggestions or concerns & touch base.

We'll have a few announcements and discuss COVID19, Youth Camp, the Annual Meeting, our LEDP strategy, etc.

Join the call: <https://www.uberconference.com/igapsolomon>

Optional dial-in number: 971-358-7409

PIN: 17625

Drawing door prizes!

COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP RAFFLE

The VOS Environmental Dept. is hosting a community clean up. Where ever you reside, grab some trash bags, some gloves and pick up trash within your community i.e. parks, beaches, trails, alongside busy roads, etc.

For every bag you fill, your name will be entered into the drawing. Deadline to submit your entries: October 23rd, 2020 at 5 pm.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Must submit photo of location prior to trash pickup.

Must submit photos of trash bags when done with cleanup.

Must be submitted prior to deadline—submit to igap.solomon.asst@gmail.com.

EVERY ENTRY RECEIVES A PARTICIPATION PRIZE! Each bag filled, entry into drawing of 8 prizes + 1 Grant prize!

**Drawings will be held LIVE on Zoom—10/23/2020 at 6 pm
AK time**





Key & Coat
Hanger



Search

Sustainable Energy Options for Solomon, Alaska

(Preliminary study)

Presented by Deilah Johnson

Video details

UNDO CHANGES

SAVE



Title (required)

VOS window insulation kit

Description

Window Insulation Kit VOS Style

Thumbnail

Select or upload a picture that shows what's in your video. A good thumbnail stands out and draws viewers' attention.

[Learn more](#)



Upload thumbnail



Video link

<https://youtu.be/psbcRF3VkzU>



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Visibility



Public



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Join your IGAP Dept. April 15th, 2016 @ 6pm

IGAP Updates and Environmental Education for tribal membership.

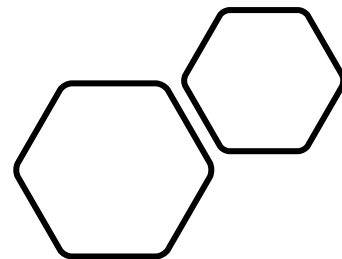
Please join us for refreshments and a game of Jeopardy to conclude our Gathering.

Friday, April 15th, 2016 @ 6:00 pm

AT the VOS office in the Old Federal Building

Your IGAP Dept. looks forward to seeing you all





When I began working as the Environmental Coordinator, I had no experience in regard to the environmental field of work. I was working as the Grant Writer for 2 years and was asked to apply for the Environmental Coordinator position. I just had my first baby and was not sure if I could do it.

My first year, I got familiar and learned as much as I could about EPA and specifically IGAP. How IGAP would serve VOS. And then my next biggest concern, was – how do I serve my tribe that is in alignment with EPA, this IGAP program, the VOS environmental goals.....

We don't live there, how do we move forward?

So, I REALLY had to get to know my tribal members and learn in which ways could I engage them – to where their knowledge is expanding in these areas, how to encourage them, how to access them on a regular basis, how to get them to change their habits, lifestyles, think twice about pollution/energy/conservation/VOS/toxic chemicals..... Over the next 6 years, it's just a part of VOS now. The environmental education is expected, has standards, very active membership and community goals are being accomplished.

Youtube Channel

VOS has a website with
Environmental Page

Bi-annual VOS newsletters

ZOOM

Environmental Calendars

Environmental VOS FB page


gatherings

Bi-Annual Eco-friendly postcards

Annual Meeting dedicated

Youth Camp

Enviro time



QUYANAKPAK